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Barbara Arrington To Join UNH From Saint Louis University

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DURHAM, N.H. — Barbara Arrington, senior associate dean and professor of health management and policy in the School of Public Health at Saint Louis University, has been selected as dean of the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) at the University of New Hampshire, UNH Provost Bruce Mallory announced. Arrington will begin as dean in mid-September, and like other UNH deans, will serve a five-year, renewable appointment.

"Dr. Arrington's extensive experience in academic leadership and program development, and her scholarship in the fields of health policy, strategic management, and health care quality will enable her to move the college forward as it pursues its educational, research, and public engagement goals," said Mallory. "She is committed to collaborating closely with faculty, alumni, and the State of New Hampshire to achieve these goals." Mallory also thanked members of the search committee for recruiting such an outstanding pool of candidates, and expressed appreciation to Neil Vroman, associate dean of CHHS and associate professor of kinesiology, for his service as interim dean.

At Saint Louis University, where she has been since 1979, Arrington holds a joint appointment to the departments of health management and policy and community health with a secondary appointment in public policy. Her recent projects and publications relate to research translation and dissemination and to the development of professional competencies for graduate education; her earlier research considered mechanisms for continuously improving governance of healthcare organizations as well as the economic and community benefit performance of not-for-profit and for-profit hospitals and health systems. Arrington teaches or has taught in the areas of strategic management, leadership development, continuous improvement and health policy.

"As a lifelong teacher and consultant in strategic management, joining the college at this point in its strategic development is an incredibly exciting opportunity for me. The college's committed and competent faculty and staff, exceptionally strong academic programs and substantive community involvements position it well for continually more significant impact in New Hampshire and nationally over the next several years," said Arrington. "I hope to expand the college's external relationships and contributions and to enhance its already positive position by further developing excellent learning, scholarly and working environments for our students, staff and faculty," she added.

Arrington is actively involved in community service and consultation and is a frequent site visitor for the Council on Education for Public Health, the accrediting body for schools of public

health. Included in her community service activities are over fifteen years of governance experience in health care organizations, eleven of those in hospital and health system governance. She also consults in the areas of organizational strategy and leadership development. Her clients have included the public health institutes of Florida and Missouri, the Missouri Foundation for Health, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, the National Association of Community Health Centers, consulting firms, Catholic health care systems, state and local health departments, academic medical centers, health maintenance organizations, professional associations, religious congregations, and nurse executives.

Arrington's undergraduate degree in nursing is from Columbia University, her master's degree in public health (health administration) is from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and her doctorate in health services research is from Saint Louis University (1985). She is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

The College of Health and Human Services (formerly the School of Health and Human Services) comprises the departments of communication sciences and disorders, family studies, health management and policy, kinesiology, nursing, occupational therapy, recreation management and policy, and social work.

A photo of Barbara Arrington is available to download here:

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